

## **CRISIS SERVICES**

## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of physical assaults, threats and coercive behaviors used to maintain control over a current or former intimate partner. Abusive behaviors can include ongoing verbal, emotional, sexual, physical, psychological and economic abuse, and typically get worse over time.



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<u>Deafdawn.org</u> is a website that provides information and resources for survivors of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and stalking. The Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN) provides crisis intervention services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-blind communities. Their services include: resource referral (medical and legal), case management, peer advocacy, counseling, and support groups.

Adwas.org is a website that offers support to Deaf and Deaf-blind survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and harassment. The Abused Deaf Woman's Advocacy Services (ADWAS) provides comprehensive services to individual families, community education, and advocacy on systems and policy issues.

## **RESOURCES**

Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN)
Abused Deaf Woman's Advocacy Services (ADWAS)
Survivor's Stories
Individual & Family Therapy Services
Crisis Services Directory

## **FACT SHEETS**

What is Domestic Violence? Facts & Stats